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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been laying greater emphasis on the production of pulses;

(b) if so, the target fixed and the achievement made in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the target fixed thereon for Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target in pulses production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has been implementing a Centrally SponsoredScheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) in 27 States/U.T. for increasing Production of Pulses.

(b) & (c) The targets fixed and the achievements made during Eighth Five Year Plan and Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:

(Figure in Lakh Tonnes)

YEAR	TARGETS FIXED	ACHIEVEMENTS
1992-93	145.00	128.2
1993-94	155.00	133.00
1994-95	155.00	140.40
1995-96	155.00	123.10
1996-97	150.00	142.44
1997-98	155.00	129.8
1998-99	155.00	148.10
1999-2000	155.00	135.52 (P)
2000-2001	150.00	
2001-2002	165.00	

(d) Steps being taken to achieve the target in Pulses Production includes:

(i) use of improved seeds of high yielding varieties;

(ii) balanced use of nutrients;

(iii) application of sulphur;

(iv) integrated pest management;

(v) use of sprinkler irrigation;

(vi) increasing area through intercropping and sequence cropping.